

**Congress of the United States**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

January 25, 2021

The Honorable Greg Abbott  
Governor of the State of Texas  
Office of the Governor  
1100 Congress Ave.  
Austin, TX 78701

Dear Governor Abbott,

In the aftermath of the attack on the Capitol on January 6, 25,000 brave men and women of the National Guard, including over 1,000 from the Texas National Guard, were deployed to Washington, D.C. to provide increased security ahead of and during the 59<sup>th</sup> Presidential Inauguration. In the weeks following their deployment, National Guard members have selflessly protected our nation's Capitol, and deserve our deepest gratitude.

Last week, several news outlets reported that National Guard troops were expelled from a Capitol office building and forced to rest in a parking garage with only one electrical outlet, one bathroom and no internet reception. This is unacceptable and I am outraged that these service members who dropped everything to protect us could be treated so poorly. As Texans, this is not how we are taught to treat those who willingly serve in defense of our nation. I commend you for taking action to support our servicemembers and ordering Texas National Guard members home after this disgraceful treatment.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ron Wright". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Ron" and last name "Wright" clearly distinguishable.

RON WRIGHT  
Member of Congress